

**DRAFT Briefing Sheet**  
**(Georgia Pacific Crossett – ADEQ Draft Permit of November 2009)**

**ISSUE:** Louisiana Environmental Action Network (LEAN) comments / concerns with issuance of draft NPDES permit for GP Crossett and compliance with LA WQ standards.

**BACKGROUND:**

- Facility in operation since 1920's
- Existing permit for GP Crossett (AR0001210) expired 8/31/2009.
- In prep. for reissuance, draft permit was shared with LDEQ staff in August 2009 for rvw.
- LDEQ provided feedback to ADEQ - email dated 8/17/09.
- EPA received draft NPDES permit for GP on 11/17/09.
- GP is a Paper Mill – multiple internal and external outfalls regulated by various Effluent Limit Guidelines (ELG)
- Plant also receives / treats domestic wastewater from the City of Crossett.
- Effluent Limits – Tech and WQ based / RP based on both AR and LA WQ standards
- Design Flow – 45 MGD
- Discharges to the Ouachita River approx. 2.5 miles above the AR / LA state line.
- Ouachita River impaired for mercury, copper, and zinc. (draft permit contains limits)
- 1980s UAA - removed fishable, swimmable, and domestic water supply designated uses from Coffee Creek and Mossy Lake. (Ref. State Reg. 2, A-29 and A-31 / exempt from 2.406 – Color / exempt from Ch. 5 Specific Strds.)
- 2007 UAA – identified need for aquatic life use to be reinstated. (EPA working with ADEQ)
- EPA Region 6 issued No Objection Letter 12/16/09.
- ADEQ - Public Notice of draft permit on 2/15/10.

**CURRENT STATUS:**

- ADEQ received extensive feedback during the public notice period and is currently responding to comments.
- ADEQ plans to issue the permit with final response to comments.

**TECHNICAL / COMMUNITY CONCERNS:**

- Lack of designated uses on Coffee Creek and Mossy Lake (impact on the Ouachita R.?)
- Change in designated uses for Coffee Creek and Mossy Lake will have a noted effect on future permitting - resulting in more stringent permit limits based on flow in Coffee Creek.
- Unknown affect of tighter permit limits on GP / environmental / local economy-employment.
- LEAN states – public is upset with GP discharging 85 million gallons of black liquor to Louisiana a day and ADEQ gave them permission to ignore the user attainability guide for another five years.

**FUTURE/RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

- Continue working with AR to address application of designated uses (WQ standards triennial review 2010). Work with LA to address concerns with mtg. state WQ standards at state line.

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